

SENATOR CARPENTER: Under the supervision of this body and the Building Commission.

SENATOR STAHRMER: Now if I could, I'd like to ask Senator Luedtke to yield to a question.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Go ahead.

SENATOR STAHRMER: Excuse me, I'll wait until we act on the Carpenter amendment.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Could I elaborate on that answer of Senator Carpenter's to your question on the percentage?

SENATOR STAHRMER: All right.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I have information that the new Federal office building which bid has been let and they're building over here, has a, has an 84% figure.

SENATOR STAHRMER: Yes. I'm not saying it can't be done, Senator Luedtke, I'm questioning whether we can take the original plans and redesign without a complete redesigning of the whole building.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I'm sure it will require considerable changing of the plans to do that, but it will, but you, you, you'd have to change the plans, no doubt about it.

SENATOR STAHRMER: Well, let me ask you then while I'm on my feet and you're responding. Is it your priority that the State office building be given higher priority than the programs designed to offer services to people, such as retardation, mental health and corrections. Do you place a higher priority on buildings or do you place a higher priority on services to people?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Right now we're discussing this building and my priority is an extremely high priority since we have been at it for so many years. I don't think that you can make that kind of an--that's like asking whether you want to chop a head off or when did you stop beating your wife type question. I, I don't think it's a fair question. I can be for both of them.

SENATOR STAHRMER: I think it's extremely fair and I think it's extremely pertinent because we haven't established yet in our general budget bill how much monies we do and do not have for programs for services to people and you're running, trying to run this bill ahead of our general budget bill when it has not yet been decided how much Federal monies we're going to have and what situation we now, exists in trying to provide programs for services to people.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I do not think you have to consider this when you listen to the manner in which we are proposing that this be financed. It will have absolutely no effect upon what you're talking about.

SENATOR STAHRMER: I've never yet heard of a free building. It's going to cost money.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: But we have the provision made through the cigarette tax funds where it isn't going to cost us any more than it is now and you're going to have as much monies available for capital construction for other purposes as you have right now and will continue to have.

SENATOR STAHRMER: But the point is what if we get less monies for services to people. This is then going to cause a tax